

ALLEGED MURDERER DIES WAITING TRIAL

Carl Friel, 27, former operator of the Wakefield Arms tavern, near Holcomb, and alleged murderer of his wife, Pearl Friel, died at the home of his father, near Braggaville, early Friday morning.

Friel, who had had his case continued three times, was at liberty on a \$7500 bond filed late last summer. He had been ill with pneumonia for some time and was granted his last continuance on the grounds of illness only last week, at which time his case was scheduled for the October term of the circuit court docket. Two previous continuances had been granted by Judge J. V. Billings when an absence of witnesses was declared by the court.

It was alleged that Friel shot his wife to death at the tavern last February 12. Her body was found riddled with bullets in one of the bins at the place and later an automatic pistol, allegedly a possession of Friel's, was found nearby. Charges of first degree murder were filed against Friel, and his case was continued over to the circuit court only to have two continuances, which coupled with a third, allowed his case to remain untried up until the time of his death.

The case will be officially closed this week.—Kennett Free Press.

HIGDON

Mr. Toler, the Raleigh man from Wayne county was through here this week.

Chas. Connely and family have moved from here to their new home in Illinois where he is working in coal fields.

Avada Shaw, who has been employed in Fredericktown for the past week has returned to her home in this place.

M. White butchered a fine hog yesterday.

Mrs. Mary J. Shultz has been sick the past few days.

LaMotte Lead Moves Again

Cars loaded with concentrates from one of the oldest and most historic lead mines in the United States—a rich and productive field connected by a 5½-mile spur with Mine La Motte Station, a point on the Belmont Branch of the Missouri Pacific Lines, 100 miles South of St. Louis—are again to move over the rails.

The mines are being reopened by the St. Joseph Lead Company, because of increased demand for lead, and the little community of 200 persons is going back to work, after six years of idleness, thus preventing the community, rich in history and legend, from becoming a "ghost town."

Sieur Antoine de La Motte Cadillac, governor of the colony of Louisiana under the Royal Company of the Indies, was the first white man of prominence to set foot on Mine La Motte. Ascending the Saline River, which flows south of where Ste. Genevieve is now situated, and following Indian trails, he came upon the site in 1715, which then showed evidence of a great many diggings.

Cadillac was in search of silver with which to bolster up a depleted French treasury. His men dug for precious metals, but they found only lead, and as their tools were too crude to continue to work, the party returned to Mobile.

The locale came into the news again on April 7, 1774, when a celebrated Indian massacre occurred at the mine. Subsequently, it was used as a major source of lead for the army of George Washington. In pre-revolutionary days—from 1723, it was worked almost continuously.

So far as it is known there have been only two periods in which diggings were suspended: The years 1774 and 1775, when Osage Indians made the region unhealthy, and the six-year period now ending.

Increased demand for lead prompted the St. Joseph Lead Company to decide to reopen the mine. Officials of both the company and the Missouri Pacific were agreeably surprised that the spur line, notwithstanding the years of idleness, is still in good condition. Its rehabilitation, including the laying of some new ties and minor repairs to bridges, is now under way.—Missouri Pacific Magazine.

Attended Director's Meeting

George A. Wiegenstein and Homer Graham, two members of the Board of Directors of the Madison County National Farm Loan Association, attended a group meeting of officers and directors of farm loan associations in southeast Missouri at Cape Girardeau Thursday and Friday of last week. Approximately 140 officers and directors from other associations were in attendance at that meeting in which 21 counties of southeast Missouri and two in southern Illinois participated.

These representatives from Madison county report that they found the meeting very much worth while. Walter L. Rust, President of the Federal Land Bank presided at the meeting and several other representatives from the Federal Land Bank of St. Louis were on the program. In the opening remarks, President Rust made mention of the fact that one of the current problems which was before the Federal Land Bank and the National Farm Loan Associations at the present time was that of transferring more of the loan service activities from the Bank to the local associations. This of course places increased responsibilities on the Board of Directors but gives the stockholder borrowers an opportunity to become better acquainted with the service more conveniently.

School News

Pupils in the first grade who have an S average or above for the first quarter are: Leroy Ward, Lloyd Sears, Dale Hand, Virginia Adkison, Joe Bollinger, Leon Allen, Retha Chapman, Patsy Edmond, Thelma Francis, Bobby Baker, J. R. Kennedy, Billy Burton Andrews, Mary Sitton, Marion Johnson, Norma Reeves, Roy Rhodes, Wilma Reeves, Lucy Hibbitts, Barbara Sears, Harvey Moore, Harold Waltrip, Mary Sitton and Eleanor Wray.

"S" averages in the third grade are: George Baker, Betty Lou Baker, Martha Barton, Ray Francis Jr., Billy King, Norma Kennedy, Peggy Kennon, Lorene Myers, Norma Lee Phillips and Clyde Polete.

Second grade: Louise Bebout, Jean Bollinger, Paul Chaney, Ruth Laverna Englehart, Billy Evans, Dolores Graham, Hilda King, Mary Lou Knott, Vernice Knott, Carolyn Ann Myers, Ralph Sitton, Mona Lee

